



Longport Town Topics

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Longport Honors Historian Michael Cohen



It was standing room only inside the Longport Historical Society Museum as friends and family gathered to honor local resident and historian Michael Cohen on November 29, 2015. The former Longport mayor was greeted with a plaque mounted at the entrance of the museum rededicating it in his honor.

"It was very nice," Cohen said about the event. Cohen moved to Longport in 1969 and has been integral to Longport ever since. In 1987, Cohen founded the Longport Historical Society and has been the go-to authority on the history of Longport.

Cohen explained that he began working on Longport's past at the urging of then Mayor Howard Kupperman. He said he was fortunate as he was able to have first-hand interviews with many of Longport's founders. "They were still alive," he said, "you couldn't do that now." Among those he spoke to

included the first baby to be born in Longport, Chris Frye.

Approximately 10 years after founding the historical society, Cohen finished writing his book, "Longport, The Way We Were." The book covers approximately 100 years of Longport's history from 1898 to 1998. In it he states, "Hopefully, the memories of those long time residents I had the pleasure of meeting will be kept alive for new generations to appreciate. If I accomplish this, even in some part, then I will have accomplished my objective."

Almost 20 years later, the book continues to be the historical authority for all things Longport. It covers the very beginnings of the borough and how it got its name. It also features a photo of a four-year-old Amelia Earhart on the beach. The story behind Longport's smiley face water tower is also found inside. The book is rich with historical

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(Officers pictured left to right) Chris Ricciotti, Nicholas Rettino, Chief Frank Culmone, Ray Burgan, Albert Maiorano, and Dean Tibbitt.

No Shave November – the Longport Police Department participated in a “No-Shave November” fundraiser to benefit the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. A total of \$660 was donated by the department to the hospital.

Officers who participated did not shave for the month of November, in lieu of shaving they provided a donation. The officers forgo shaving in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness.

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gems, all a unique memory for the borough.

The event was held as a surprise for Cohen, whose entire family came out for the special presentation. Mayor Nick Russo presented a proclamation to Cohen on behalf of the town.

According to Longport Historical Society President Lee Karlock, the historical society would not be here today if it was not for Cohen’s “Longport, The Way We Were” and his determination to preserve Longport’s past. The plaque dedicated to Cohen reads: “In Grateful Appreciation to Michael L. Cohen. Founder, Longport Historical Society, Author of “The Way We Were.” “Thanks for the Memories.”

Cohen, a long-time resident, served as Longport’s mayor from 2000 to 2004.

Local Borough Hall Happenings:

Several borough hall employees recently passed New Jersey State examinations. Pamela Tomassi of the tax office is now Longport’s Certified Tax Collector. Laura Garvey Santoro also passed her test and is working on certification as a Municipal Court Administrator. Monica Kyle is now a Registered Municipal Clerk.

MEMO – TAX OFFICE

Residents – this is a friendly reminder, in order to cut down on errors, it is imperative that you identify your payments. You can use your account number, your block and lot, or your address; however, please use the correct information. Please note: if you are paying with a business check you still need to identify that check with a Longport address or account number.

Please remember, your tax account number is different from your water and sewer account, so **PLEASE** use the correct account number!

For your convenience, we have direct debit for water and sewer, and taxes. Using direct debit cuts down on late interest fees and I will always notify you with an email before your account is debited. If you are interested, please stop in or email me and I will send you the necessary forms.

Have a joyous holiday and a safe winter!

Pam, Tax and Water/Sewer Collector

My email is: taxes@longport-nj.us

Winter and Sidewalk Snow Removal

The winter season is here and so is the potential for snowfall. Freshly fallen snow can be quite beautiful to look at, but can be challenging to walk upon.

Longport has year-round residents who enjoy the outdoors. Whenever it snows, please be courteous to your neighbors and have your sidewalks cleared in a timely manner.





What is carbon monoxide (CO) and how is it produced?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. It is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels, including coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas. Products and equipment powered by internal combustion engines such as portable generators, cars, lawn mowers, and power washers also produce CO.

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). **They include: Headache, Fatigue, Shortness of Breath, Nausea and Dizziness.**

How can I prevent CO poisoning?

Make sure appliances are installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by qualified professionals. Have the heating system professionally inspected and serviced annually to ensure proper operation. The inspector should also check chimneys and flues for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections, and loose connections.

Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper knowledge, skill and tools. Always refer to the owner's manual when performing minor adjustments or servicing fuel-burning equipment.

Never operate a portable generator or any other gasoline engine-powered tool either in or near an enclosed space such as a garage, house, or other building. Even with open doors and windows, these spaces can trap CO and allow it to quickly build to lethal levels.

Install a CO alarm that meets the requirements of the current UL 2034 safety standard. A CO alarm can provide some added protection, but it is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of appliances that can produce CO.

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Install a CO alarm in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of the home. Make sure the alarm cannot be covered up by furniture or draperies.

Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent unless it is specifically designed for use in an enclosed space and provides instructions for safe use in an enclosed area.

Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.

Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.

Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens, or clothes dryers to heat your home.

Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.

Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.

During home renovations, ensure that appliance vents and chimneys are not blocked by tarps or debris. Make sure appliances are in proper working order when renovations are complete.

Commission Meeting Schedule 2016

Regular meetings are held at 4:30 pm, except where changes are noted. Workshop meetings are at 9 am, except where changes are noted.

January: Regular - 4th, 20th Workshop - 14th

February: Regular - 17th Workshop - 11th

March: Regular - 23rd Workshop - 10th

April: Regular - 20th Workshop - 7th

May: Regular - 18th Workshop - 5th

June: Regular - 8th, 22nd
Workshop - 16th* 8:30 am

July: Regular - 6th, 23rd* 10 am
Workshop - 14th* at 8:30 am

August: Regular - 3rd, 24th
Workshop - 11th* 8:30 am

September: Regular - 21st Workshop - 15th

October: Regular - 19th Workshop - 13th

November: Regular - 18th* 1:30 pm
Workshop - 10th

December: Regular - 7th, 21st Workshop - 15th

Town Topics Wins "Best Print Media"

The Borough of Longport's newsletter "Town Topics" was recently awarded "Best Print Media" in the Municipal Public Information Contest sponsored by the Rutgers Center for Government Services, New Jersey Municipal Management Association, New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

The contest called for New Jersey municipalities to submit entry packets in several categories including: Best Overall, Best Print Media, Best Website/ Social Media, Best Visual Media, and Best Special/ Innovative Media.

Entries were evaluated based on clarity, quality and completeness of information.

Town Topics was started nearly 15 years ago to help keep borough residents informed and up to date regarding borough news and events.

Town Topics is published three times a year with a winter, spring and summer edition.

Each issue contains an interesting historical fact about Longport provided by Longport Historical Society member Mary Sue Lovett.

The newsletter contains information from various departments including the Longport Police Department, Longport Volunteer Fire Department, Longport Beach Patrol, the Longport Public Works Department, Longport Office of Emergency Management, and borough employees.

A list of previous contest winners can be found at cgs.rutgers.edu/mpic.

Longport the First in NJ to Enact a Carryout Bag Fee



The Borough of Longport recently became the first municipality in New Jersey to enact a carryout bag fee to help raise awareness of the need to reduce our dependence on single-use bags and increase usage of reusable bags.

The ordinance calls for a 10-cent fee per bag provided, including both paper and plastic that the retailer keeps.

The fee is a reminder of the importance of "bringing your own bag." Coastal communities, in particular, have an increased responsibility to be vigilant stewards of the environment. "If we wanted this to be punitive, we would charge \$400 per bag instead of 10 cents," explained Mayor Russo.

Twice a year, Longport participates in a beach cleanup organized by Clean Ocean Action. All the litter collected from the beach is inventoried. Among the top 10 items collected include single-use plastic bags. These bags can be found blowing around as loose trash and clogging storm drains. They are also ending up in the bay and ocean.

Single-use bags are a serious problem. When plastic bags clog our storm drains and damage pumping equipment, or jam beach rakes, it costs money. This repetitive process is funded by tax dollars. If a 10-cent fee can help prevent these issues and have a positive impact on our environment, it is a winning situation for us all, explained Mayor Russo.

Longport Debuts new phone App to Purchase Beach Tags



VIPLY PASS- a new concept in purchasing beach badges in

Longport. This is a phone app (IOS with Android expected in the spring) that one can download and purchase tags utilizing a credit card. Naturally, as with all online credit purchases, there is a small user fee attached to your purchase but think of the convenience!!! You can purchase tags at any

time using a credit card. Once the sale is completed, you show your phone to a beach tag inspector or someone in Borough Hall who has the tags, the purchase will be confirmed and tags will be handed to you. Remember that this is new to us as well as you, so PATIENCE is a virtue as we iron out the glitches. We hope it is a bonus for the consumer as far as the use of the credit card and the 24-hour availability via smartphone.

Winter Storm Preparedness



Winter storms can range from a moderate snow occurring over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states, while others affect only a single community. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

Regardless of the severity of a winter storm, you should be prepared in order to remain safe during these events.

Know the Difference

Winter Storm Outlook - Winter storm conditions are possible in the next two to five days.

Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

Winter Storm Watch - Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

Winter Storm Warning - Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

- Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

Put Together a Supply Kit

- Water—at least a three-day supply; one gallon per person per day.
- Food—at least a three-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare foods.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- **PET SUPPLIES - three-day minimum supply**

Supply Kit - continued

- First Aid Kit
- Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Sand, rock salt, or non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery
- Warm coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots, extra blankets, and warm clothing for all household members
- Ample alternate heating methods such as fireplaces or wood or coal-burning stoves

Let Your Family Know You Are Safe!

If our community experiences a severe winter storm, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web Site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call **1-866-GET-INFO** to register yourself and your family.

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Community Garden Volunteers Needed this Spring!



If you have a green thumb or just like playing in the dirt, Sustainable Longport needs your help. Recently, members of the green team and the Public Works Department built three raised garden beds behind Borough Hall. Volunteers are needed to help plant in the spring and maintain the beds throughout the year.

To learn more or to volunteer, please email or call Monica at mkyle@longport-nj.us or 609.823.2731 ext. 109.

Longport Officers Graduate Police Academy Class



(Left to right) Ptl. Quinton Wright, Ptl. Shaune Slatterly, Chief Frank Culmone, Ptl. Nicholas Rettino, and Sgt. Joseph Baumgardner.

The Longport Police Department recently added two patrol officers to its staff. This past December, Shaune Slatterly and Quinton Wright graduated from the Camden County Police Academy.

Slatterly is a graduate of Lasalle University with a B.A. in Elementary Special Education. Wright is a graduate of Stockton University with a B.A. in Criminal Justice.

The 5th Annual Shop With A Cop Program



On December 12, 2015, local children paired up with police officers from the area, including Longport's Ray Burgan and Nicholas Rettino to shop at a local Walmart for the 5th Annual Shop with a Cop program.

Shop with a Cop is a one-day event where uniformed police officers and volunteers assist needy children with their holiday shopping, free of charge to the child and their families.

According to Rettino, "the event was a great opportunity to connect with the families in the community of Atlantic County."

Burgan was happy to participate in the event. "To see the excitement and heartfelt appreciation from the children, as well as their parents, made the event most memorable," he said.

Longport Beach Badge Design Contest for K – 8th Grades

Mayor Nicholas Russo, Commissioner Jim Leeds, and Commissioner Dan Lawler are inviting all Longport students in kindergarten through eighth grades to submit a design for the borough's 2016 seasonal beach badge. Designs must be provided no later than 3 pm on February 10, 2016. Borough Hall is located at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. The winning design will be selected at the February 11, 2016 social luncheon.

POWER OUTAGE CHECKLIST:

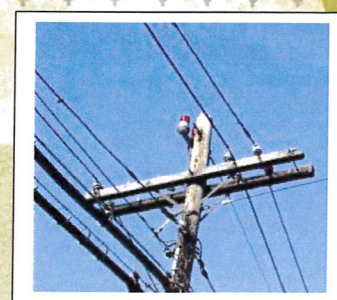
Sudden power outages can be frustrating and troublesome, especially when they last a long time. If a power outage is two hours or less, you need not be concerned about losing your perishable foods. For prolonged power outages, though, there are steps you can take to minimize food loss and to keep all members of your household as comfortable as possible.

How do I prepare for a power outage?

- ☐ One or more coolers — inexpensive Styrofoam coolers work well.
- ☐ Ice — surrounding your food with ice in a cooler or in the refrigerator will keep food colder for a longer period of time during a prolonged power outage.
- ☐ A digital quick-response thermometer — with these thermometers you can quickly check the internal temperatures of food to ensure they are cold enough to use safely.

Put together an emergency preparedness kit with these supplies in case of a prolonged or widespread power outage:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home)
 - Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (three-day supply for evacuation, two-week supply for home)
 - Flashlight (NOTE: Do not use candles during a power outage due to the extreme risk of fire.)
 - Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible) • Extra batteries
 - First aid kit • Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items • Multi-purpose tool
 - Sanitation and personal hygiene items
 - Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies)
 - Cell phone with chargers • Family and emergency contact information • Extra cash
- ☐ If someone in your home is dependent on electric-powered, life-sustaining equipment, remember to include backup power in your evacuation plan.
 - ☐ Keep a non-cordless telephone in your home. It is likely to work even when the power is out.
 - ☐ Keep your car's gas tank full.



What should I do during a power outage?

Keep food as safe as possible!

- ☐ Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. First use perishable food from the refrigerator. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about four hours.
- ☐ Then use food from the freezer. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.
- ☐ Use your non-perishable foods and staples after using food from the refrigerator and freezer.
- ☐ If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items.
- ☐ Keep food in a dry, cool spot and keep it covered at all times.

Electrical equipment

- ☐ Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment, including sensitive electronics.
- ☐ Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the power went out. When power comes back on, possible surges or spikes can damage equipment.
- ☐ Leave one light turned on so you'll know when the power comes back on.
- ☐ Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car. Traffic lights will be out and roads will be congested.

Using generators safely

- ☐ When using a portable generator, connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator. Do not connect a portable generator to a home's electrical system.
- ☐ If you are considering getting a generator, get advice from a professional, such as an electrician. Make sure that the generator you purchase is rated for the power that you think you will need.

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Longport Historical Society

The Longport Inn

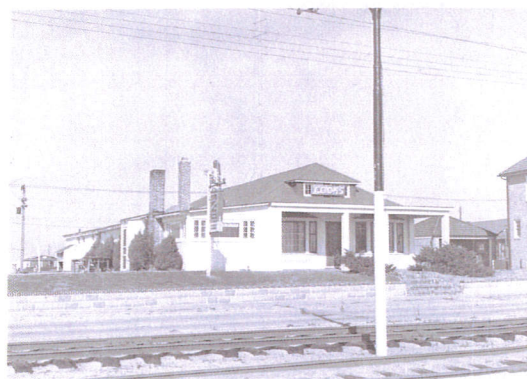
A brief history of the Longport Inn shows that the land where the restaurant once stood was a huge sand hill about 35 feet in height. It was leveled off by two teams of horses pulling a scoop resembling a wheelbarrow without wheels. The horses would walk to the top of the dune and the scoop would fill with dirt as it was pulled down the hill. This was difficult due to the growth of bayberry bushes, beach plums, poison ivy and holly trees. This is why the land at 31st and Atlantic Avenue was always higher and local residents often used the parking lot to safely park their cars during northeasters.

According to the late Dr. John Martucci, his aunt and uncle, James and Rose Julian, decided to build the Longport Log Cabin Inn at the corner of 31st and Atlantic Avenue sometime during the Depression. This first-hand information disputes the claim on latter day signs stating the Inn was established in 1915.

The Julian family ran the Longport Inn until age made it difficult for them to continue and the business was rented to Eddie Coppage for several summers. At some point the Longport Inn was sold to its second owners for about \$35,000.



Logs for the original building were harvested at a farm in Scullville behind Somers Point. Dr. Martucci remembered that the farmer's wife was opposed to hard liquor and he was used as a lookout when his Uncle Julian and the farmer went into the woods to retrieve hidden liquor.

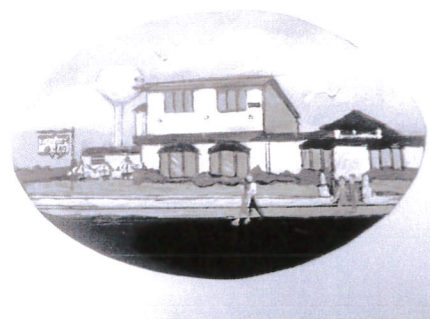


According to advertisements in the Longport Directory, the restaurant was operated as Cook's Longport Inn during the 1950's and 1960's.



Although we have little documentation, we understand that the Longport Inn then became known as Flynn's Longport Inn. Philadelphia politicians used it as a local hangout and it was enjoyed as a comfortable place to relax with friends.

We are looking for people who can tell us more about the ownership of the Longport Inn in its later years before it was torn down in 2001.



This is the 2016 Longport Historical Society Ornament now available for \$20.00. Contact us through our newly restored website at longporthistoricalsociety.org. An appointment to visit the museum before April 1 can also be made through our website. ~ Mary Sue Lovett, Museum Curator

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2016 schedule

- February 11th – Long & Foster/DiPentino Family
- March 23rd – Longport PBA #363
- April 20th – Matt Vassallo/Prudential RE
- May 18th – McAllister “The Service Co.”
- June 22nd – The Grossman Family

Water Conservation in Longport

Longport's water supply is provided by the Atlantic City 800-Foot aquifer, which also supplies groundwater to numerous coastal communities in southern New Jersey. Currently, Longport residents are allocated 75,000 gallons of water per year. Once a year, the public works department reads water meters to determine total water usage. As is common in most coastal towns, water use increases significantly during the summer season. There are a total of 461 user accounts in Longport. Approximately 79.48 million gallons of water is used every year. Of that amount, more than half, 45.28 million gallons is considered excess water. Excess water is any amount used over the 75,000 gallons per year per user account. Being a coastal community, salt water intrusion of our aquifer is a concern. In fact, another coastal town, Cape May City, has already experienced saltwater intrusion of its local wells. As a result, a saltwater desalination plant was built by Cape May City at a total cost of \$5 million.

We need to take measures now to conserve our water supply. Longport is currently looking into conservation methods including implementing water irrigation restrictions, adding a second water-meter reading, as well as providing incentives to those who conserve water and use less than the allocated water amount. Water is a precious natural resource that we need to conserve and protect.

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WINTER TIPS - CAR PREPAREDNESS

Winterize your vehicle. Get a tune-up and be sure to check the battery levels in your vehicle. Consider buying snow tires or chains for the tires, as your travel dictates. Chains work best on glare ice. Be sure to check with local authorities on tire chains. Some locales prohibit their use.

Check the Weather Before You Go

If the weather is frigid, you're going to want to warm up the car before you drive it. To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in an enclosed area such as a garage. In fact, the Consumer Product Safety Commission warns that a car running in an attached garage is never safe, even with the garage door open. If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm if possible. But if you must travel make sure you share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave. If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Light flares in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, mud or any object.

Prepare a winter emergency kit for your vehicle. Supplies should include:

- At least two blankets or a sleeping bag;
- Flashlight or battery-powered lantern and extra batteries; booster (jumper) cables; emergency flares ;
- Extra clothing, particularly boots, hats and mittens; a steel shovel and rope to use as a lifeline;
- Bottled water or juice and nonperishable high-energy foods (granola bars, raisins, nuts, peanut butter or cheese crackers)
- First-aid kit and necessary medications
- Sand or non-clumping cat litter for tire traction, if your vehicle gets stuck in snow or ice
- A cell phone and car charger
- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Tire repair kit and pump

Breakfast with SANTA

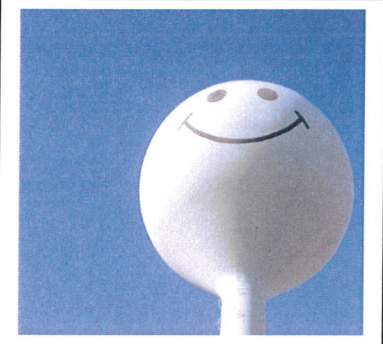
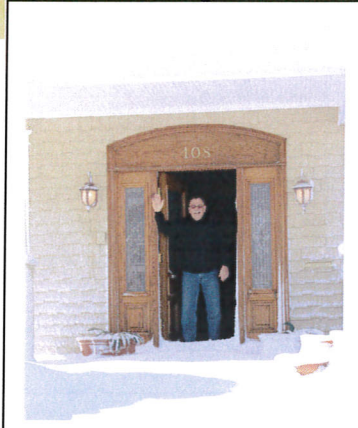


KEROSENE HEATER SAFETY

Portable kerosene heaters can supply homeowners with temporary heat during a power outage or can be used to warm a cool room without the expense of heating the entire home. Newer models are manufactured with numerous safety features, but operator error such as using gasoline, instead of kerosene, failure to provide adequate ventilation, fuel spills, etc., have resulted in numerous home fires! The following list will help reduce the risk of a fire from using a portable kerosene heater:

- Use only water-clear 1-K grade kerosene
- Always store kerosene in a container intended for kerosene, NOT IN A GAS CAN
- NEVER refuel the heater inside the home. Fill the tank OUTDOORS
- In case of flare-up or if uncontrolled flaming occurs, DO NOT attempt to move or carry the heater. If the heater is equipped with manual shut-off, activate the switch to turn off. If this does not extinguish the fire, leave the home immediately and call 911 for the fire department!
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
- Reduce your exposure to indoor air pollutants by properly operating and maintaining your portable kerosene heater
- Always operate your heater according to the manufacturer's instructions
- Keep the wick clean and in good working order
- Keep an outside window opened approximately an inch to ensure adequate fresh air infiltration
- Always keep a fire extinguisher nearby





Winter 2016



Honoring 23 Years of Service to Longport

Thomas Klein recently retired as the borough's licensed water/sewer operator. He served in that capacity for the past 23 years. Mayor Nick Russo, Commissioner Dan Lawler and Commissioner Jim Leeds presented Klein with a proclamation at the January 20th commission meeting.

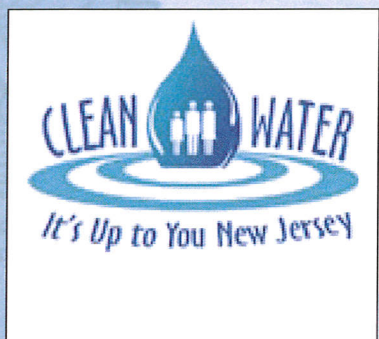




WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Water from rain and melting snow that flows over lawns, parking lots, and streets is known as stormwater runoff. This water, which travels along gutters into catch basins and through storm drain pipes and ditches, usually is not treated, but then flows or is discharged into local waterbodies. Along the way, the stormwater picks up trash (fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts, styrofoam cups, etc.) and toxins and other pollutants (gas, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet droppings). This polluted stormwater can kill fish and other wildlife, destroy wildlife habitat, contaminate drinking water sources and force the closing of beaches because of health threats to swimmers.

Human activity is largely responsible for stormwater pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. Whether we have clean water is up to you.



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Mayor Nick Russo

Mayor's Corner

Wishing Everyone a Joyous New Year

"Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man," Benjamin Franklin.

Every New Year's Eve is a time of hope for the New Year ahead. This 2016 we look forward to another great year in the Borough of Longport.

Some new things to look forward to this year include a new smart phone application that allows you to purchase beach tags via credit card from your smart phone. Longport is working with Viply to provide this service to residents for the 2016 beach season.

For our residents with a green thumb, please consider volunteering to help with our new community garden located behind borough hall.

Water conservation is an important topic especially for coastal towns. Longport is looking into ways to help reduce its water use.

We are happy to report that as in previous years, Longport's tax rate remains below \$1 and is one of only 17 municipalities with a rate below a dollar.

Longport's newsletter is now available online. The online edition provides more information on many of the topics mentioned here. Please visit us at www.longportnj.gov.